

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. – 46. (Canceled)

47. (Currently Amended) A method of adjusting recording time of an entertainment program, said method comprising:

selecting an entertainment program to be communicated to [[said]] a user's premises, said program having scheduled start and stop times;

establishing a start and stop time in accordance with said scheduled start and stop times for recording said selected program at said user's premises; and

without action taken by said user, adjusting an established stop time of said established recording time to accommodate subsequent changes in program length.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47 wherein said changes in program length occur after the start time of said program.

49. – 56. (Canceled)

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47 further comprising:
transmitting for recording at said user's premises said selected program in accordance with said established start and stop times.

58. – 71. (Canceled)

72. (Previously Presented) A method for the delivery from a delivery source of entertainment programs for delayed viewing by recipients of said entertainment program, said entertainment programs having an unknown length, said method comprising:

establishing a starting time for a particular entertainment program so as to allow for the setting of a recorder at said recipient's premises for recording a delivered one of said entertainment programs starting at said starting time, and

communicating from said delivery source to said recipient's recorder a message when the length of said entertainment program becomes ascertainable by said delivery source so as to enable said recipient's recorder to stop recording said entertainment program in accordance with said message.

73. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72 wherein said setting of said recorder is under the direct control of said recipient.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72 further comprising:
receiving from said recipient listings of entertainment programs desired to be received by said recipient; and
wherein said setting of said recorder is under control of said delivery source based upon received ones of said desired entertainment programs.

75. (Currently Amended) A method for the recording of entertainment programs at a recipient's location, said entertainment programs received from a delivery source, said entertainment programs having an unknown length, said method comprising:

setting of a recorder at said recipient's premises for recording a delivered one of said entertainment programs starting at a time as determined by said delivery source, and

receiving by said recorder a stop time message from said delivery source when the length of said entertainment program becomes ascertainable by said delivery source so as to enable said recorder to stop recording said entertainment program at said received stop time, and wherein said stop time corresponds to the ascertained stop time of said entertainment program.

76. (Currently Amended) A device for the recording of entertainment programs at a recipient's location, said entertainment programs received from a delivery source, said entertainment programs having an unknown length, said device comprising:

means for allowing said recorder to be set for recording a delivered one of said entertainment programs starting at a particular time as determined by said delivery source;

means for receiving a message from said delivery source when the length of said entertainment program becomes ascertainable by said delivery source;

said message receivable either during said recording of said entertainment program or received concurrently with the end of said entertainment program; and

means for allowing said recorder to stop recording in accordance with said message.

77. (Currently Amended) A method for recording TV programs at a user's premises, said TV programs delivered over a plurality of user selectable channels by a

delivery source, said programs scheduled to begin at particular times, said method comprising:

setting in a recorder at said user's premises a particular channel and a particular start time corresponding to a program desired to be recorded by said user; and

receiving from said ~~program-delivery~~ source a message for use by said recorder to end said recording of said desired program.

78. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 77 wherein said message from said ~~program-delivery~~ source is contemporaneous with the end time of said desired program.

79. (Currently Amended) A method for recording TV programs at a user's premises, said TV programs delivered over a plurality of user selectable channels by a delivery source, said programs scheduled to begin at particular times, said method comprising:

setting in a recorder at said user's premises a particular channel and a particular start and stop time corresponding to a program desired to be recorded by said user; and

receiving from said ~~program-delivery~~ source a message for use by said recorder to adjust said stop time of said recording of said desired program, said message independent from said desired program.

80. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 79 wherein said message from said program source is contemporaneous with the end time of said desired program.

81. (New) The method of claim 47 wherein said adjusting is by the transmission of a message to said user's premises, said message being transmitted independent from the transmission of said selected program.

82. (New) The method of claim 72 wherein said communicating is by a transmission to said recipient's recorder, said transmission being independent from the delivering of said entertainment program.

83. (New) The method of claim 75 wherein said stop time message is delivered to said recorder from said delivery source by a medium other than said entertainment program.

84. (New) The device of claim 76 wherein said receiving means further comprises:

means for receiving messages independent from entertainment programs.

85. (New) The method of claim 77 wherein said receiving further comprises: receiving said message independent from desired program.